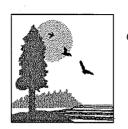
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Interested Parties:

Pursuant to Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 1, Section 71204.6 of the Public Resources Code, the California State Lands Commission (Commission) is proposing a regulatory action for the amendment of Article 4.8, Waters. A copy of the Proposed Text of the Regulations is enclosed for your review and comment. Deletions from the text of the original regulations are in strikethrough and additions are underlined.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commission is required to hold a minimum 45-day period for receiving comments and testimony from interested parties and the public. Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Commission. The written comment period closes at 5:00 PM on Monday October 31, 2011. All written comments must be received at the Commission by that time. Written comments should be submitted to:

California State Lands Commission Marine Facilities Division 200 Oceangate, Suite 900 Long Beach, Ca. 90802-4335 Attention: Ravindra Varma

Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (562) 499-6317, attention: Ravindra Varma or by e-mail to varmar@slc.ca.gov.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons, Proposed Text of Regulations, and the Studies Relied Upon are posted on the Commission's website at: http://www.slc.ca.gov/Spec Pub/MFD/Ballast Water/Ballast Water Default.html

Sincerely,

Donald Hermanson

Chief, Marine Facilities Division